



HF Happenings 986

The SARL Field Day

The first leg of the SARL Field Day takes place from 08:00 UTC on Saturday 12 March to 10:00 UTC on Sunday 13 March 2022 with phone and CW activity on 160 to 10 metres. The exchange is the number of transmitters at your station, the Field Day operating class you are participating in and the provincial or country abbreviation. You really do not need to send a RS or RST report – it is not needed. Submit your log in ADIF or Cabrillo with a summary sheet or use the MS Excel log sheet and send it by 21:59 UTC on Friday 18 March to contest@sarl.org.za. Get all the information on page 64 to 67 of the 2022 Blue Book and remember that photo of amateur radio in action. If it is portrait, it could end up on the cover of Radio ZS!



The RSGB Commonwealth Contest

The 85th RSGB Commonwealth Contest will be on the air from 10:00 UTC on Saturday 12 March to 10:00 UTC on Sunday 13 March 2022 with CW activity on 80 to 10 metres. The exchange is an RST report plus a serial number starting at 1, HQ stations (e.g., ZS9HQ) additionally send 'HQ' which must be logged. Submit your log in Cabrillo format within 5 days following the end of the contest. Get the rules on www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2021/rberu.shtml.

DXCC's Most Wanted (ClubLog)

The "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list has been updated on ClubLog as of 3 March. There have been no changes in the "Top 26" since we last reported back on 7 February. The complete "DXCC Most

March

- 8 - International Women's Day
- 10 - Closing date for YL logs
- 11 - Closing date for Hamnet logs
- 12 and 13 – the SARL Field Day, the RSGB Commonwealth contest and the QSO Today Expo
- 15 - the Ides of March (beware Julius Caesar!)
- 16 – the SARL 80 m Club Contest
- 17 - St Patrick's Day; Inland schools close
- 18 - Closing date for Field Day logs
- 19 and 20 – the SARL VHF Analogue contest
- 20 - Autumn Equinox @ 17:32 CAT
- 21 - Human Rights Day; Namibian Independence Day; Closing date for Club contest logs
- 23 - 19:00 Sandton ARC Talking Tech Power Hour on 145.700/Echolink
- 25 Coastal schools close
- 26 and 27 - CQ WPX SSB contest
- 27 - Closing date for SARL VHF/UHF Analogue logs

"Wanted" entities list (340) is available at <https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>. The following are the top 26 entities:

- 1 P5 DPRK (North Korea)
- 2 3Y/B Bouvet Island
- 3 FT5/W Crozet Island
- 4 BS7H Scarborough Reef
- 5 CEOX San Felix Islands
- 6 BV9P Pratas Island
- 7 KH7K Kure Island
- 8 KH3 Johnston Island
- 9 3Y/P Peter 1 Island
- 10 FT5/X Kerguelen Island
- 11 FT/G Glorioso Island
- 12 VK0M Macquarie Island
- 13 YV0 Aves Island
- 14 KH4 Midway Island
- 15 ZS8 Prince Edward and Marion Islands
- 16 PYOS Saint Peter and Paul Rocks
- 17 PYOT Trindade and Martim Vaz Islands
- 18 KP5 Desecheo Island
- 19 VP8S South Sandwich Islands
- 20 KH5 Palmyra and Jarvis Islands
- 21 ZL9 New Zealand Subantarctic Islands
- 22 FK/C Chesterfield Island
- 23 EZ Turkmenistan
- 24 YK Syria
- 25 JD/M Minami Torishima
- 26 VK0H Heard Island

INDEXA Newsletter

The Spring 2022 issue (No 135) of the International DX Association's Newsletter is now available for download on the INDEXA website at <https://indexa.org/newsletters.html>. Highlights include "Bhutan: The Land of the Thunder Dragon" by Adrian Ciuperca, KO8SCA, "A Tribute to Mary Hobart, K1MHH (SK)" by Bob Allphin, K4UEE and news of the 3Y0J Bouvet and W8S Swains DXpeditions.

World Amateur Radio Day is 18 April

DARC, the German IARU Member Society's Team SES will activate special call sign DA22WARD from 1 March until 30 April in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day on 18 April. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DL2VFR. And REF, the French IARU Member Society has announced that special event station TM97WARD will be on the air from 16 to 25 April to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day (WARD).



Results of the SARL VHF/UHF FM Contest

Fifteen logs were received for the first SARL VHF/UHF FM contest held on 5 February 2022. The logs come from ZS2 and ZS6. The longest distance worked on 6 metres was 84 km and there were 12 stations active on the band. The longest distance worked on 2 metres was 144 km and there were 19 stations from ZS2 and 44 stations from ZS6 active. The longest distance worked on 70 cm was 125 km with 21 stations from ZS2 and 10 stations from ZS6 active.

1st the Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society, ZS2PE – 11 505 points
 2nd Pierre, ZS6PJH – 4 403 points
 3rd Stephan, ZS6SKY – 1 904 points
 4th Pieter, ZS6PJE
 5th Brent, ZS6BKB
 6th Morne, ZS6MSQ
 7th Mario, ZS6TAN
 8th Hendrik, ZS6HJH
 9th Darren, ZR6TD
 10th Leon, ZR6LO
 11th Theunis, ZS2EC
 12th Chad, ZS2CJ
 13th Koos, ZS6KSG
 14th Herman, ZS6HKL
 15th Stevan, ZS6STE

The FINAL Results of the SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest

Forty-four (44) logs were received for the 1st leg of the SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest and not 45 as I reported last week. Also, an error was found in one of the logs and the scoring has been updated.

1st the West Rand ARC – 1 252 points
 2nd the Northern Cape ARC – 378 points
 3rd the Bloemfontein ARC – 361 points
 4th the Bo-Karoo ARC – 350 points
 5th the Hibiscus Coast ARC – 260 points
 6th the Sandton ARC – 172 points
 7th PEARS – 129 points
 8th the Lichtenburg ARC – 125 points
 9th KARTS – 74 points
 10th the Johannesburg ARC - 50 points
 11th the Boland ARC – 41 points
 12th the Antique Wireless Association – 30 points

1st Michael, ZS4BHF – 181 points
 2nd Jan, ZS4JAN – 180 points
 3rd Gerhard, ZS3TG - 158 points
 4th Kobus, ZS6BOS – 147 points
 5th Chris, ZS6CPA - 146 points
 6th Veronica, ZR6TVK - 137 points
 7th Karen, ZS6MMA - 134 points
 8th Johan, ZS4DZ - 125 points
 9th Danie, ZS6DPS - 121 points
 10th Woody, ZS3WL - 109 points
 11th Graham, ZS6GL - 105 points
 12th Phillip, ZS6PVT - 101 points
 13th Steve, ZS3SB and Wynand, ZS6WY - 95 points

15th Theunis, ZS2EC - 86 points
 16th Johan, ZS6JBZ - 75 points
 17th Errol, ZS6EH - 74 points
 18th Keith, ZS6HI - 67 points
 19th Louis, ZS5LS - 65 points
 20th Gert, ZR6GRT - 64 points
 21st Sid, ZS5H; Sid, ZS5SID and Jadranko, ZS6DJA - 56 points
 24th Gerhard, ZS3CG - 55 points
 25th Dave, ZR6DM - 50 points
 26th Heather, ZS5YH - 49 points
 27th Herman, ZS6HLK - 47 points
 28th Pieter, ZS3PN and Maryke, ZS3MN - 45 points
 30th Kevin, ZS6KVN - 44 points
 31st Chad, ZS2CJ - 43 points
 32nd Marius, ZS1ML - 41 points
 33rd Cliff, ZS6BJU and Roger, ZS6YX - 40 points
 35th Roy, ZS3RW - 39 points
 36th Esme, ZS3EW - 36 points
 37th Gordon, ZS6AGE - 35 points
 38th Grawie, ZS5R - 34 points
 39th Stephan, ZS6SJR - 32 points
 40th Andy, ZS6ADY - 30 points
 41st Leon, ZR6LO - 29 points
 42nd Errol, ZS6KED - 25 points
 43rd Fred, ZS6FWA - 16 points
 44th Dave, ZS6ACC - 14 points

DDARS Presentation

The Denby Dale Amateur Radio Society (DDARS) had a ZOOM presentation with Adrian, KO8SCA about his DXpeditions. Adrian devoted his talk to the 2021 trip to Market Reef operating OJ0C on the tiny piece of rock between Sweden and Finland! He also previewed upcoming DXpeditions in 2023 to Swains and especially to Bouvet Island the second most sought after DX entity. 3Y0J is a hugely impressive and difficult endeavour by a group of amateurs including Adrian himself. To view this presentation on YouTube.com, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdfUXA6MqeA>. The video is about 1:35 mins long.

DX from Africa

For the All Africa Award Challenge (Achieve your AAA by 30 September 2022 and stand a chance to win SARL membership for one year – luck draw. CW, phone and digital modes – No FT modes.)



Niger, 5UA (unusual call sign). Giorgio, IU5HWS (ex-YI9WS), is now in Niamey, Niger and is active as 5UA99WS until 20 March. Activity has been on 20 metres SSB after 11:00 UTC. QSL via EA5GL or LoTW.

Togo, 5V. Andy, 5V7JA (KB9IJI), who lives in Mango, Togo (WW Loc. JK00FI), since 2016 with a mission radio station and hospital, informs that he and his family do return to the States from time to time. He also mentions, "I have a FT-891 and omni-directional MP-1 Super Antenna. I am mostly on digimodes (JT65, WSPR, JS8CALL, Winlink) between 00:00 and 02:00 UTC and SSB some weekends. No promises, but I am happy to try and schedule a QSO." QSL via eQSL or LoTW. Andy states, "I'm happy to still send you an old-fashioned paper card in the mail from Togo. Just let me know (kb9iji@gmail.com). Thanks for your patience waiting on the mail system."

The Gambia, C5. Don, G3XTT, will once again be active as C56DF from The Gambia between 9 and 18 March. He is there for the 85th Commonwealth Contest (BERU) on 12 and 13 March. Look for operation before and maybe after the contest. Activity will be on various bands, probably all CW like last time using low power (IC-7300 and wires) from a rooftop apartment. He will, of course, upload logs to LoTW and ClubLog, but possibly only after his return to the UK. QSL direct to Don's home call sign or via ClubLog's OQRS.

South Sudan, Z8. Diya, YI1DZ expects to be back to Juba, South Sudan on 11 March and to be active again as Z81D in his spare time over the next six months. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via OM3JW.

African Islands

Maderia, CT9. Helmut, DF7EE will be active again as CT9/DF7EE from Madeira (AF-014) from 22 March to 1 April, including participation in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as CQ3W. QSL for both call signs via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS.

S9OK DXpedition. The Sao Tome Story (Something To Read On The Web). Read about the Czech DXpedition group's S9OK DXpedition to Sao Tome at www.cdxp.cz/?page_id=2314

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 7 to 14 March 2022.



Next Week's Contests



Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 15 March
CLARA Chatter Party, 17:00 UTC 15 March to 17:00 UTC 16 March
and 17:00 UTC 19 March to 17:00 UTC 20 March
RTTYOPS Week Sprint, 17:00 - 19:00 UTC 15 March
QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 16 March
Phone Weekly Test, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 16 March
A1Club AWT, 12:00 - 13:00 UTC 16 March
CWops Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 16 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 17 March
Mini-Test 40, 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 16 March
Mini-Test 80, 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 16 March
RSGB 80 m CW Club Championship, 20:00 - 21:30 UTC 16 March
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 17 March and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 18 March
NAQCC CW Sprint, 00:30 - 02:30 UTC 17 March
RTTYOPS Week Sprint, 17:00 - 19:00 UTC 17 March
BCC QSO Party, 19:00 - 20:59 UTC 17 March
EACW Meeting, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 17 March
NTC QSO Party, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 17 March
QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 18 March
NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 18 March
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 18 March
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 18 March
BARTG HF RTTY Contest, 02:00 UTC 19 March to 01:59 UTC 21 March
SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest, 03:00 - 05:00 UTC (6 m) and 05:01 - 07:00 UTC (2 m) and 07:01 - 09:00 UTC (70 cm) 19 March and 03:00 - 05:00 UTC (6 m) and 05:01 - 07:00 UTC (2 m) and 07:01 - 09:00 UTC (70 cm) 20 March
Russian DX Contest 12:00 UTC 19 March to 12:00 UTC 20 March
F9AA Cup, SSB 12:00 UTC 19 March to 12:00 UTC 20 March
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 14:00 - 17:00 UTC 19 March (144) and 17:00 - 18:00 UTC 19 March (432)
Virginia QSO Party 14:00 UTC 19 March to 04:00 UTC 20 March and 12:00 - 24:00 UTC 20 March
Feld Hell Sprint 20:00 - 21:59 UTC 19 March
UBA Spring Contest, SSB 07:00 - 11:00 UTC 20 March
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 23:00 UTC 20 March to 01:00 UTC 21 March
K1USN Slow Speed Test 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 21 March
OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z 21 March
Bucharest Digital Contest 18:00 - 20:59 UTC 21 March
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 22 March
RTTYOPS Week Sprint 17:00 - 19:00 UTC 22 March

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